

# Tempo Restaurant



## Restaurant Recycling in Alexandria, Virginia

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# A Commitment to Recycling

- ◆ Grew up in California where recycling is required
- ◆ Teachers were role models
- ◆ Tempo Restaurant opened in August 1990
- ◆ Serves a blend N. Italian and French Cuisine
- ◆ Seats 75 or 99 with patio



# A Commitment to Recycling

- ◆ Ultimate Recycling –  
Tempo was once a Gas Station

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# Items Recycled

- ◆ Food preparation waste
- ◆ All vegetative food scraps except for banana & citrus peels

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- ◆ Food waste is Composted on site and at home

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- ◆ Glass
- ◆ Plastic
- ◆ Steel Cans
- ◆ Aluminum



# Items Recycled

## ◆ Corrugated Cardboard Boxes

- Flattened and stacked in car and taken to drop off center with other recyclables

## ◆ Cooking Oil

- Valley Protein recycles it into animal feed

# Staff Training is Critical

- ◆ **Constantly** reinforcing what is recyclable
- ◆ Staff become familiar and help police other staff members
- ◆ Challenge to get staff to rinse containers to prevent attracting insect and rodents
- ◆ Possums like crab meat!!



# Benefits of Recycling

- ◆ Makes us **feel good**
- ◆ Savings on disposal
- ◆ Makes trash area more sanitary –  
reduces frequency to wash dumpster